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SANDERS APPOINTS TED MARTINEZ, JR. AS CITY'S DEPUTY CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER FOR CUSTOMER AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

San Diego – Mayor Jerry Sanders today appointed Ted Martinez Jr., an experienced administrator, to serve as the head of the City's recently created department of Customer and Neighborhood Services. Dr. Martinez replaces Ellie Oppenheim who is relocating to Nevada for another professional opportunity. In his position, Dr. Martinez will oversee the City's park and recreation and library departments. He will also oversee newly created divisions dedicated to customer services, community services and arts and culture. He begins work today and will be paid \$168,000.

Dr. Martinez brings strong managerial and organizational talents to his new professional opportunity. For the past six years, Dr. Martinez has served as the president of Grossmont College. In that capacity, Martinez oversaw over 1,500 faculty and staff members, a budget of \$52 million and 18,000 students. During his tenure, Martinez developed the first "Organizational and Governance Structure" manual to provide all campus constituencies with a framework for decision making and operations. He also revitalized the College's commitment to establishing

long-term strategic plans and implemented a college-wide facility remodeling and renovation plan. All of these are skill sets that Mayor Sanders will put to work.

“I am really pleased that we were able to recruit a professional of Ted’s caliber to run what are arguably some of our most important assets,” said Mayor Sanders. “Ted’s reputation is impeccable. Everyone who has worked with him knows him to be a man of character and great ability. I look forward to having him as a member of our team.”

Prior to Grossmont, Dr. Martinez enjoyed a number of increasingly challenging professional opportunities including posts as president, Richard J. Daley College, City Colleges of Chicago (1994-1999); Associate Vice Chancellor, City Colleges of Chicago (1992-1994); and Vice President of Instruction, Dallas Community College District (1991-1992).

Ted Martinez received his B.A. (1969) and M.A. (1971) degrees from Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas. He received his Ph.D. (1977) in Education Administration from the University of Colorado. Dr. Martinez is married, has two grown children and resides in La Mesa.

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